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REMARKS

Minor changes have been made in claims 13 and 14 to use the more conventional term "comprises." A further self-evident change was made in claim 14. The claims before the Examiner remain claims 12 to 16.

The rejection of claims 12 to 16 under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over claims 1 to 11 of the parent patent is respectfully traversed. The present application is a true divisional application of the parent, the Examiner in the parent having made a restriction requirement between claims 1 to 11 and claims 12 to 16 in a paper mailed January 31, 2003. Applicants traversed the requirement (see the paper filed February 26, 2003) but the Examiner in that case made the requirement final; see the paper mailed June 6, 2003. It is therefore improper under 35 USC 121 to make such a rejection here, and it should be withdrawn.

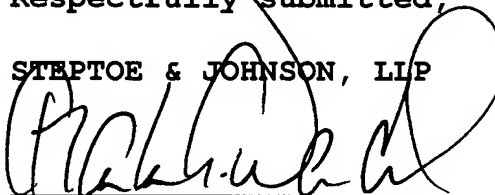
In view of the foregoing revisions and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the case is in immediate condition for allowance, and a USPTO paper to those ends is earnestly

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solicited. The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if additional changes are required in the case prior to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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